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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Stockton – Human Trafficking Investigation Leads to Rescue of Eight

(U) A three month investigation into the website “Backpage.com” has led Stockton police to arrest two 19-year-old men for human trafficking and rescue eight girls’ ages 14 to 17 who were being forced to work as prostitutes. A separate sting operation at a Stockton motel resulted in 21 arrests on various charges of solicitation. The operation was designed to combat the demand side of the human trafficking operation, according to a department official. Investigators are still looking for additional victims of the trafficking ring.

SOURCE: 2 May 2017, [KCRA 3](#)

(U) Thousand Palms – West Nile Virus Found in Mosquitos

(U) Mosquito traps set by the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District have identified insects carrying the West Nile virus, officials announced yesterday. The wet winter combined with the more recent warmer weather has led to an increase in the mosquito population, resulting in increased virus activity. The department will be setting more traps and be increasing treatments in the area.

SOURCE: 1 May 2017, [Desert Sun](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Oregon – May Day Protests Turn Violent

(U) Portland – Demonstrators in a May Day protest in Portland threw smoke bombs, Molotov cocktails and other items at police yesterday, while protests in Olympia, Washington, resulted in broken storefront windows. Portland police arrested more than two dozen people after an anarchist group hijacked the protest and destroyed a police car, set fires, damaged property and attacked police. Olympia police arrested eight people after several officers were injured by protestors throwing rocks and smashing windows. Arrests were also made in a Seattle protest.

SOURCE: 2 May 2017, [Boston Globe](#)

(U) Texas – University Attack Leaves One Dead, Three Wounded

(U) Austin – One person was killed and three were wounded at the University of Texas, Austin, at an attack near the school’s gymnasium. Police have arrested Kendrex J. White, a 21-year-old student for the attack. Witnesses describe White as being composed and calm throughout the attack, and police have yet to identify a motive. The three surviving victims have yet to be identified, though the University has identified Harrison Brown as the student who was killed.

SOURCE: 1 May 2017, [NY Times](#)

(U) Texas – Gunman Opens Fire on Emergency Responders

(U) Dallas – A paramedic was critically injured while treating a gunshot victim when a gunman opened fire on police and emergency responders. The shooting prompted police to lock down the area until the suspect and another person were found dead in a nearby home. Responding officers found the injured paramedic and victim and were fired upon as they rescued the pair. The suspect then fled before killing

one other person and committing suicide. The paramedic and surviving victim are reported to be in critical, but stable condition. Neither the gunman nor a motive have been identified.

SOURCE: 1 May 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Officers Injured in Protests

(U) Paris – Four officers were injured when protestors at a May Day march threw Molotov cocktails, firebombs, and other objects near Place de la Bastille. The violent protestors are reportedly from a fringe group that has targeted police in the past. The march continued despite the injuries, though there was an increased police presence, including officers in riot gear.

SOURCE: 1 May 2017, [Fox News](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Man Pleads Guilty in Terror Support Case

(U) Cardiff – A man has pleaded guilty to providing support to terrorists among other charges, after authorities discovered that he ran a blog providing supplies and advices to fellow jihadists. Samata Ullah utilized various websites and Twitter handles to spread his message and to provide fellow extremists with directions and supplies. Included in the materials seized by police were 30 pairs of USB cufflinks filled with sensitive information.

SOURCE: 2 May 2017, [UK Independent](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Three Women Arrested In Suspected Terror Offence

(U) London – A counter-terrorism raid has led to the arrests of two 18-year-old and one 19-year-old woman on suspicion of planning terrorist attacks officials have stated. The arrests come after earlier raids last week, bringing the total number of people arrested under the Terrorism Act since Thursday to 10. Arrests were carried out by the Counter-Terrorism Specialist Firearms Officers of the Metropolitan Police.

SOURCE: 1 May 2017, [The Guardian](#)

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